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SUBJECT: 63RD ECOSOC: ITEM 14 - SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

REF: A) GENEVA 5669 B) GENEVA 5609

1. DUE TO THE POSTPONEMENT OF ITEM 15, NATURAL RESOURCES, AT THE REQUEST OF THE G-77 (REF A), THE AGENDA ITEM ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WILL BE INTRODUCED ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON (JULY 13).

2. AMBASSADOR YOUNG HAS ALREADY ADDRESSED THE DELAYS IN CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS DUE TO PROBLEMS BETWEEN CONFERENCE SECRETARY GENERAL DA COSTA AND THE UN BUREAU OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, PARTICULARLY THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (OST) IN HIS GENERAL DEBATE SPEECH (REF B). WHILE THE DELEGATION HAS RECEIVED LITTLE POSITIVE G-77 RESPONSE TO PRIVATE EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN (KANYA BEING THE NOTABLE EXCEPTION), AND ON STATEMENT OF STRONG G-77 SUPPORT FOR DA COSTA (FROM ALGERIA) WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO SHOW OUR CONTINUED CONCERN. IN OUR REMARKS IN THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE WE PROPOSE, THEREFORE, TO ASK SOME SPECIFIC QUESTIONS AS TO THE
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REAL SITUATION BEHIND THE REMARKS CONTAINED IN PARAS 10 THROUGH 15 OF THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE SECRETARY GENERAL (UN DOCUMENT E/6000). WE PROPOSE ALOS TO RENEW OUR OWN SUPPORT FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL TO THE CONFERENCE.

3. THIS APPROACH IS DESIGNED TO BE AN EVEN-HANDED ONE

WITH A VIEW TOWARDS FLUSHING OUT THE PROBLEMS THAT HAVE
THUS FAR KEPT OST LARGELY OUT OF CONFERENCE PREPARATION.
DA COSTA MAY TAKE UMBRAGE AT SOME OF OUR QUESTIONS AND
CRITICISMS; OST DIRECTOR STANDKI WILL NOT KILL OUR
RENEWAL OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL POST. DELEGATION
WILL ATTEMPT TO CONSULT WITH OTHER INTERESTED DELEGATIONS
BEFOREHAND AND WILL ADAPT ITS REMARKS ACCORDINGLY. UNLESS
IT PROVES IMPOSSIBLE TO WAIT, WE WILL NOT SPEAK TO THE ITEM UNTIL
THE AFTERNOON OF THURSDAY THE 14TH.

5. DELEGATION REQUESTS DEPT'S GUIDANCE ON THE ABOVE.
SINCE WHATEVER INTERVENTION WE MAKE WOULD BE MUCH STRONGER
IF WE COULD GIVE SOME INDICATION OF OUR OWN PROGRESS IN
PREPARING FOR THE CONFERENCE, WE REQUEST LATEST INFORMATION
ON (A) STATUS OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A US CONFERENCE
COORDINATOR AND (B) RESPONSE WE HAVE GIVEN TO CONFERENCE
SECRETARY'S REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS FOR ADVISERS
TO SECRETARIAT PROGRAM FOR ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES IN THE PREPARATION OF NATIONAL PAPERS.SORENSEN

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